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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Communications  
SUBJECT : Minutes of the 8 February 1958 Meeting

1. The working parties appointed at the 27 January meeting of the Committee reported the results of their work in the interim. After discussion the following measures were agreed:

a. The problem of tactical early warning information was believed to be adequately handled by Operational communication channels. Each agency was asked, however, to examine the links through which they received such information from the early warning network to make sure that there was adequate arrangement for each agency to receive such information in a systematic and timely manner.

b. Members of the Committee will be prepared to comment at the next meeting on the draft critical information list pertaining to advanced warning. This draft list presents two categories of critical information; that needed within 10 minutes and that needed within one hour or less after the discovery or identification of the event.

c. Those members of the Committee who felt that a definition of critical intelligence could be prepared which would provide adequate guidance to collectors in the field were asked to prepare drafts of such definition for submission at the next meeting.

d. In order to assess the areas from which the Intelligence Community might expect a considerable volume of critical information, the members of the Committee were asked to list under the headings proposed by Mr. Hendrickson in his memorandum of 29 January 1958, those areas from which such a volume of critical information could be expected in the foreseeable future.

2. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, 14 February 1958, 2:00 P.M., East Building Conference Room.

Distribution:  
All Communications Committee Members

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Chairman

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